GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF HERITAGE AND ECO TOURISM .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has formulated any policy to promote Heritage and Eco-tourism in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The details of projects submitted by each State Government to the Union Government for approval during 2006-07; and

(d) The time by which these projects are likely to be accorded approval?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT.AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): The development and promotion of tourism including Heritage and Eco- Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State/UT Governments for implementation of the tourism projects, including Heritage and Eco-Tourism projects, prioritized in consultation with them. Ministry of Tourism has formulated an Eco- Tourism Policy with the aim to preserve, retain and enrich natural resources to ensure regulated growth of Tourism and for achieving sustainable tourism development in the country. It has also a scheme for promotion of heritage hotels. The approved heritage hotels are also provided subsidy up to Rs.75 lakhs under the Incentives to Accommodation Infrastructure scheme of Ministry of Tourism.

(c) & (d): The details of the tourism projects prioritized in consultation with the State/UT Governments for sanction during 2006-07, subject to inter-se priorities and availability of funds is at Annexure. The projects are sanctioned on getting project proposals complete in all respects.